

**Interagency Council on the Homeless  
Meeting Minutes  
September 26, 2007**

**Attendees:** Rodney Stockment, IHCD; Charles Coley, IHCD; Joe Palus, IHCD; Tony Gillespie, Brothers Uplifting Brothers (BUB); John Dorgan, HUD; Fred Hash, Great Lakes Capital Fund; AJ Salkoski, Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives (OFBCI); Charles Boyle, FSSA Division of Mental Health and Addiction (FSSA-DMHA); Sharron Liggins, Continuum of Care Network-NWI; Robert Rogers, Veterans Administration (VA); Frank Hagaman, Partners in Housing; Rick Gann, Social Security Administration (SSA); Jim Holdemann, Veterans Affairs (VA); Kristi Montgomery, Department of Health (ISDH); Charo Boyd, SSA; Jim Hurst, Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers; Patrick Taylor, ICHHI; Holly Hintz, ICHHI; Suzanne Newton, CMHC; and Kristi Montgomery, ISDH.

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

Mr. Coley and Mr. Gillespie presided as Co-Moderators. Mr. Coley welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

**II. Approval of July Meeting Minutes**

The minutes were approved as written upon the motion of Mr. Holdemann, seconded by Mr. Stockment. Motion carried.

**III. Homeless Task Force Committee Report**

Mr. Stockment reported that the State Housing Conference workshops pertaining to homelessness and supportive housing were well attended. He mentioned that the plan is to make the Balance of State application an interagency application and not just an IHCD application. A Balance of State Application Schedule and sample Letter of Interest were distributed. Mr. Stockment added that the application process will be a year-round process and will start earlier in the year.

Mr. Taylor mentioned that there has been a shift away from supportive services. The Council will need to find a way to offset the loss of funding for supportive services. There was a suggestion to consider a rule that proposals should go through CoCs before going to IHCD.

Mr. Coley announced that the Statewide Housing and Homelessness Update will be a standing topic which will be for open floor discussion items.

#### **IV. Re-entry Committee Report**

Mr. Stockment gave a report on the Lafayette Reentry program. Judge Don Johnson has an established program that has been in existence approximately 23 months. The Court works with over twelve non-profit organizations in the Lafayette area to provide the necessary supportive services to the participants. IHCD has offered to assist with tenant based housing rental assistance. This pilot program will serve as a reentry model.

It was determined that the next meeting will focus on reentry. Mr. Gillispie, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Boyle volunteered to assist with planning.

#### **V. TWG (Transformation Workgroup)**

Mr. Stockment announced that IHCD is working with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction to integrate an institute to bring all the pieces together for supportive housing.

#### **VI. Affordable Housing and Community Development Fund Update**

Mr. Palus gave a presentation on the Indiana Affordable Housing and Community Development Fund. He discussed in detail the legislative updates and changes. Mr. Coley offered to distribute the PowerPoint presentation via email to the council members.

#### **VII. SOAR Pilot Year Results**

No report was given at this time.

#### **VIII. Statewide Housing and Homelessness Update**

Ms. Liggins reported that the CoC of Northwest Indiana had a forum regarding Shelter Plus Care. She stated that three counties were represented. She thanked IHCD and the Department of Mental Health for their participation.

Mr. Boyle reported that federal funds are being cut by approximately \$66 million. The cuts will affect how the Department of Mental Health will be able to provide services.

Mr. Coley reported that HOPWA care sites are in the process of moving HOPWA recipients to the Section 8 housing program.

Mr. Salkoski mentioned that they are still in need of organizations to sign on to the SHARE network. The agency plans to spread the word through a media launch.

Mr. Taylor announced that ICHHI has a new Executive Director, Steven Midkiff. Mr. Midkiff plans to attend the next Council meeting.

**IX. Hot Topic: Homelessness and Housing Data Needs**

Mr. Hagaman expressed his concern that supportive housing developer data needs are not being met. In order to receive tax credits, a developer must submit a Market Study. The needs of the supportive housing developers are not being met through the approved Market Study providers based on the requirements of IHCDA. When determining housing needs, homeless data is needed.

Meeting adjourned.

**The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 28, 2007 at IHCDA from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM.**